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Mr. Anthony Day
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LOS ANGELES TIMES
Times Mirror Square
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Dear Mr. Day:

In his front page article on 11 December entitled "President Orders Lie Detector Tests," Mr. ^{Robert}Toth claims that William Casey "refused on principle" to take a lie detector test when he became Director of Central Intelligence in 1981, but that he later did so. If Mr. Toth had checked his facts with the Agency, he would have learned that Mr. Casey never refused to take a polygraph examination. In fact, when appointed Director he believed he had an obligation to undergo the examination promptly and he did so.

Sincerely,

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George V. Lauder
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